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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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DEPT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARA AND DG/MED; SANTIAGO
FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER.

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR CHILEAN AMBASSADOR CANALES

1. CHILEAN CHARGE CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO THANK US FOR ALL THE HELP WE HAVE BEEN ACCORDING HIS AMBASSADOR. HE SAID THAT AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY HOPE THAT SHORTLY HE CAN PROCEED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR REHABILITATION. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US PRECISELY WHERE THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE BUT WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE THINKING OF WALTER REED. CHARGE SAID THAT MRS. CANALES, AMBASSADOR'S WIFE IS BEGINNING TO SHOW SIGNS OF TENSION AND IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED RE SECURITY OF TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. CHARGE THEREFORE INQUIRED WHETHER WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PLACE AMBASSADOR ON A MILITARY CARGO PLANE GOING TO THE UNITED STATES. I TOLD CHARGE THAT I THOUGHT SUCH A POSSIBILITY TOTALLY OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR ATTENDANT CARE COULD NOT BE FURNISHED ON SUCH A FLIGHT. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DR. WILDE, RMO, HE INDICATES HE BELIEVES THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT AMBASSADOR CANALES MIGHT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. HE WILL REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENDANCE DURING TRIP AND POSSIBLY RESPIRATORY

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AID EQUIPMENT. IT HAS THEREFORE OCCURED TO US THAT BEST

WAY TO TRANSPORT AMBASSADOR WOULD BE VIA MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE SCHEDULED MEDEVAC FLIGHTS SERVING ETHIOPIA, SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN AND TURKEY. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO DIVERT ONE OF THESE FLIGHT TO BEIRUT TO PICK UP AMBASSADOR CANALES? WE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT KNOW WHEN HE MIGHT BE TRANSPORTABLE AND THIS INQUIRY IS THEREFORE OF A PRELIMINARY NATURE.

2. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER REHABILITATION CAN BE INITIATED AT WALTER REED.

3. I WILL BE INFORMING CHILEAN CHARGE OF THE GENERAL TENOR OF THIS MESSAGE AND HE MAY BE COMMUNICATING WITH SANTIAGO AND CHILEAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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